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No. 08/738,940 filed October 24, 1996)
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
AUTOMATIC LOAD-BALANCING)
ON MULTISEGMENT DEVICES)

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, line 5 please insert the following heading:

-- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION --

On page 1, line 6 please insert the following new paragraph:

-- This application is a divisional of application Serial No. 08/738,940, filed
October 24, 1996, now allowed, which is incorporated herein by reference. --

On page 7, beginning at line 19, delete the text and replace with the following:

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-- Figs. 4A and 4B are flow diagrams showing a preferred implementation of an intelligent port distribution algorithm according to the invention. --

On page 14, beginning at line 24, delete the text and replace with the following:

-- Figs. 4A and 4B are flow diagrams showing a preferred implementation of an intelligent port distribution algorithm according to the invention. The following pseudo code listing explains the algorithm in connection with Fig. 4A and Fig. 4B. --

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to properly designate this application as a divisional of application Serial No. 08/738,940, filed October 24, 1996, now allowed. Additionally, the specification was amended to conform with the new formal drawings filed herewith.

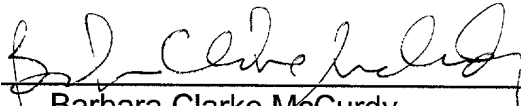
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APPENDIX TO PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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[Fig. 4 is a flow diagram] Figs. 4A and 4B are flow diagrams showing a preferred implementation of an intelligent port distribution algorithm according to the invention.

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[Fig. 4 is a flow diagram] Figs. 4A and 4B are flow diagrams showing a preferred implementation of an intelligent port distribution algorithm according to the invention.

The following pseudo code listing explains the algorithm in connection with [Fig. 4]

Fig. 4A and Fig. 4B.

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